

DRAFT MEETING AGENDA
2013 Water Quality Standards and Monitoring and Assessment States and Tribes Meeting
November 5-7, 2013
Region 8 US EPA Conference Center
Denver, Colorado

Tuesday November 5 – Rocky Mountain/Sagebrush

9:00-10:00 Arrival/Coffee (*long coffee hour to allow time for travel*)
10:00-10:15 Welcome and Introductions
 Sandra Spence (R8 EPA, Water Quality Unit Chief)
10:15-12:00 State/Tribal program updates (~10 minutes each – highlights of last year's work)
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:45 EPA WQS, M&A, and OGC updates/Q&A and open discussion
2:45-3:00 BREAK
3:00-4:00 Proposed revisions to the Water Quality Standards Regulation
 George Parrish (R8 EPA): Overview and Q&A
4:00-5:00 States/Tribes only session (Dakota Room also available)

5:30 Happy hour brewery tour
6:30 Group dinner – TBD

Wednesday November 6 - Rocky Mountain/Sagebrush

8:00-8:10 Coffee
8:10-9:00 2013 Ammonia criteria and supporting documents
 Lareina Guenzel (R8 EPA)
9:00-9:40 State/Tribal biocriteria and bioassessment (15-20 min presentation on the status of your
 bio programs (monitoring and assessment) and associated WQS)
9:40-10:00 BREAK
10:00-11:30 State/Tribal biocriteria and bioassessment continued
11:30-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:45 Breakout discussions
 WQS (Rocky Mountain/Sage): Variances
 Barbara Bennett (CO)
 Mike Suplee (MT)
 M&A (Dakota Room): State wide assessment
 Eric Hargett (WY)
1:45-2:45 Breakout discussions
 WQS (Rocky Mountain/Sage): UAAs
 Lindsay Patterson (WY): state-wide recreation UAA
 Amy Steinmetz (MT): use upgrades
 Patrick Snyder (SD): rec UAAs
 M&A (Dakota Room): Periphyton indicators and diagnostic tools
 Mike Suplee (MT)
2:45-3:00 BREAK

Wednesday continued...

- 3:00-4:00 HQ biocriteria update
 Susan Jackson (EPA HQ)
- 4:00-5:00 Bioconfirmation principles – aggregate criteria for nutrients
 Tina Laidlaw (EPA R8)
- 6:30 Group dinner - Wynkoop Brewery and Restaurant

Thursday November 7 - Rocky Mountain/Sagebrush

- 8:00-8:15 Coffee
- 8:15-9:15 Assessment methodologies: How is frequency interpreted, listing approaches,
 and much more!
 Open discussion
- 9:15-10:15 Ambient-based standards
 Mike Ell (ND) – USGS approach to ambient-based SO4 standards
 Jim Saunders (CO) – listing decisions for ambient-based standards
- 10:15-10:30 BREAK
- 10:30-11:30 Implementing fish tissue based criteria
 Mindi May (CO): Selenium study
- 11:30-12:15 Meeting wrap up